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SUBJ: 59TH ECOSOC: ITEM 4, REGIONAL COOPERATION

1. SOME 40 DELEGATIONS HAVE SPOKEN OR ARE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. MOST INTERVENTIONS ARE SUPERFICIAL. HOWEVER, SOME LATIN DELEGATIONS HAVE TOUCHED ON ISSUE CONCERNING PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN ECLA, PARTICULARLY IN ITS SUB-BODIES. LATINS PERSIST IN EXPRESSING THEIR VIEW THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MUST HAVE THE RIGHT TO MEET TOGETHER WITHOUT BENEFIT OF DC ADVICE. ASIAN DELEGATIONS IN PRIVATE AND IN SOME STATEMENTS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PRESENT STATE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN UNDP, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND ESCAP IN ESCAP'S ROLE AS AN EXECUTING AGENCY FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS. A PRELIMINARY DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT IS BEING CIRCULATED INFORMALLY. THE DRAFT IS QUOTED BELOW. US DELEGATION WILL BE CONSULTING WITH UNDP AND DELEGATIONS IN EFFORT TO CLEAN UP THIS RESOLUTION.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

REGIONAL CO-OPERATION

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

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RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 1896 (LVII) ON REGIONAL CO-OPERATION

ADOPTED AT ITS FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT AS CALLED FOR IN THE ABOVE RESOLUTION, THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS, AT THEIR RECENT INTER-GOVERNMENTAL SESSIONS HELD DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1975, HAD PAID SPECIAL ATTENTION TO ADJUSTING, AS APPROPRIATE, THEIR RESPECTIVE PROGRAMMES OF WORK AND ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO DISCHARGE EFFECTIVELY THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING TO:

(A) THE URGENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION AS ADOPTED BY THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

(B) THE PRESENTATION OF MID-TERM REVIEWS OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY; AND

(C) THE PREPARATIONS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION;

RECOGNIZING THAT THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS HAVE EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO PROMOTE INTERREGIONAL CO-OPERATION IN ORDER TO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THEIR EFFORTS AT DEVELOPMENT IN THE CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION,

NOTING FURTHER THAT AS ALSO REQUESTED IN ITS RESOLUTION 1896 (LVII), THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE ADMINISTRATOR OF UNDP HAD ENTERED INTO CONSULTATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE COUNCIL'S REQUEST IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE ABOVE RESOLUTION "TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS ALLOWING FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE APPROPRIATE FUNCTIONS OF AN EXECUTING AGENCY TO THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS FOR REGIONAL, SUBREGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL PROJECTS, FINANCED BY THE PROGRAMME, IN CASES WHERE SUCH APPLICATION IS REQUESTED BY THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED AND RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PROGRAMME",

1. REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS TO INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS AT PROMOTING INTERREGIONAL AS WELL AS INTRA-REGIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL AT THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS WELL AS THOSE WHICH WOULD BE FORTHCOMING FROM THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

2. ALSO REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ASSIST THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES BY PROVIDING THE NECESSARY RESOURCES FOR THE PURPOSE MENTIONED IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE;

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3. FURTHER REQUESTS THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS AT THEIR INTERGOVERNMENTAL SESSIONS TO PAY INCREASING ATTENTION IN PREPARING THE PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSIONS TO INCLUDE INTERREGIONAL PROJECTS WHICH WILL DIRECTLY ASSIST THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN IMPROVING THEIR DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AS WELL AS TO TAKE GREATER INITIATIVES IN IDENTIFYING PROJECTS FOR WHICH THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS WOULD BE GIVEN THE FUNCTION OF EXECUTING AGENCIES BY THE UNDP;

4. CALLS UPON THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE ADMINISTRATOR OF UNDP TO EXPEDITE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELEGATING THE FUNCTIONS OF EXECUTING AGENCIES TO THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS FOR REGIONAL, SUBREGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL PROJECTS FINANCED BY UNDP;

5. REQUESTS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF UNDP TO UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS FOR PROVIDING THE INTELLECTUAL INPUT FOR THE FORTHCOMING CYCLE OF COUNTRY PROGRAMMING;

6. FURTHER REQUESTS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF UNDP TO ENTRUST THE TASK OF PREPARING THE REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL PROJECTS UNDER THE REGIONAL IPFS TO THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS.

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